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**LEDGE BLASTING OPERATIONS BEGIN IN CHESTERFIELD**  
**PART OF NH ROUTE 9 BRIDGE PROJECT OVER CONNECTICUT RIVER**

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announce ledge blasting operations are scheduled to get underway this week at the Route 9 construction project for the new bridge over the Connecticut River between Chesterfield, New Hampshire and Brattleboro, Vermont.

The ledge blasting work is necessary in order to construct the Vermont approach to the new bridge. Blasting operations will be performed periodically during weekdays between 7:00 am and 3:00 pm.

Traffic delays of up to 15 minutes can be expected on Route 9 during the blasting periods. It's expected the blasting will be completed in approximately two months.

Cianbro Corporation, of Pittsfield, Maine is the general contractor for the \$15,465,000 project, which is scheduled for completion in October of 2003.